

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District**  
**2017 Nationwide Permit (NWP) Reissuance Process Proposed Schedule**

Action	Proposed Timeframe	Notes
Seattle District (District) initiates coordination with Tribes, State, and Federal agencies on NWP reissuance process. Request initial comments on current regional conditions prior to Special Public Notice in March 2016	November 2015 through February 2016	
HQ publishes Notice of Draft NWPs in Federal Register (60 day comment period)	March 2016	Comment period ends May 2016
District issues Special Public Notice with draft regional conditions (60 day comment period)	March 2016	Comment period ends May 2016
EPA & Corps provide informational Webinar on 2017 NWP reauthorization process, regional conditions and 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) process to Tribes in Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, WA)	Spring 2016 (during Public Notice comment period)	Webinar for Tribes with and w/o 401 WQC authority. Opportunity for early Tribal input on EPA 401 WQC decisions
District reviews comments on regional conditions	Spring 2016	
District meets with agencies and Tribes to discuss comments and any potential changes to regional conditions	Spring/Early Summer 2016	
District coordinates with Department of Ecology (Ecology), EPA, and Tribes with 401 WQC on draft regional conditions so 401 and Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) decisions can be made after HQ finalizes NWPs	Summer 2016	Note: The Department of Ecology has CZMA authority in WA and makes all CZMA decisions
District coordinates draft regional conditions with Regulatory Branch Chief and District Engineer	Summer 2016	
District coordinates draft regional conditions with Division	Summer/Fall 2016	
EPA sends consultation offer letter to Tribes in Region 10 on EPA's draft 401 WQC decisions on NWPs with District's regional conditions	Early Fall 2016	
District requests Ecology, EPA, and designated Tribes make 401 WQC determinations and that Ecology make CZMA determinations	Early Fall 2016	
Ecology, EPA, and designated Tribes issue public notice requesting comments regarding 401 WQC and CZMA	Early Fall 2016	
District's final coordination with tribes and agencies on regional conditions	December 2016	
HQ publishes final NWPs in Federal Register	December 2016	
Ecology, EPA, and designated Tribes issue 401 WQC decisions and Ecology issues CZMA determination	January 2017	
District submits decision documents, final draft regional conditions, and CZMA and 401 conditions to Division for approval	February 2017	
District publishes final Special Public Notice and new NWPs go into effect	March 2017	

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